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The Gift

By Steve Marschke
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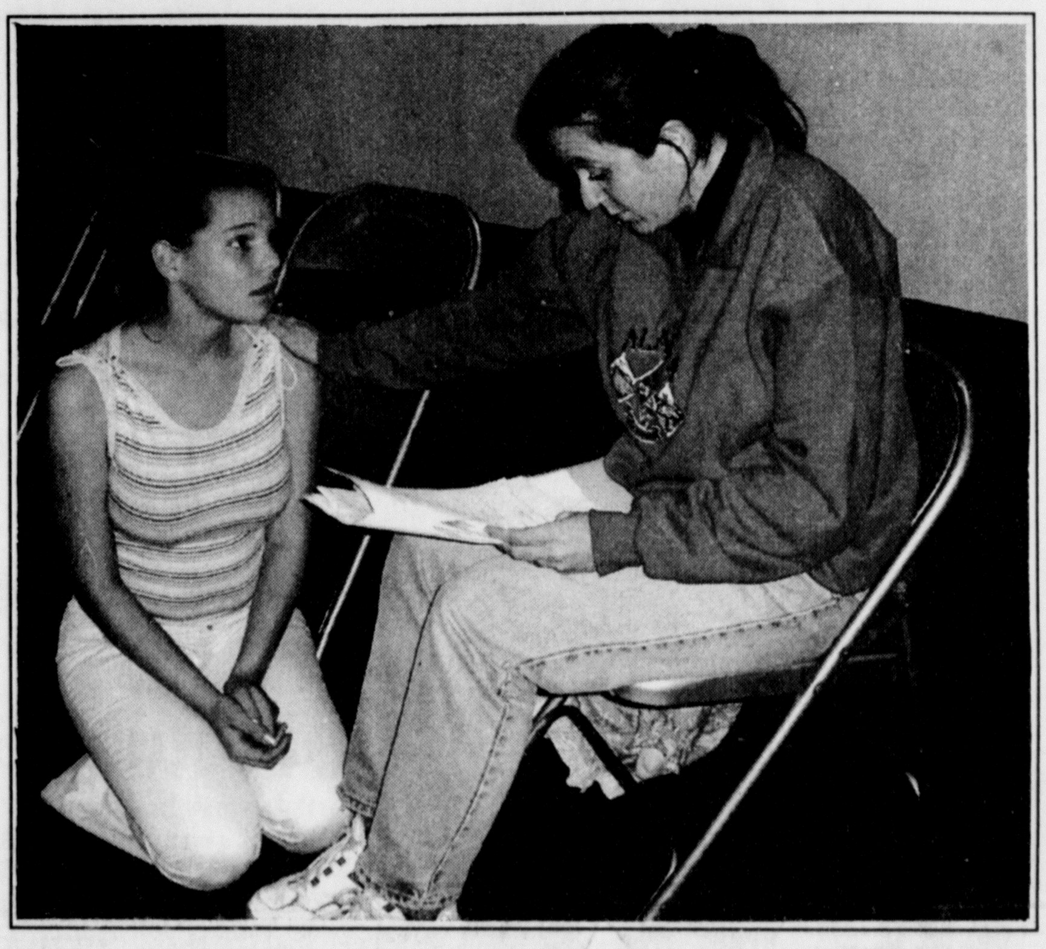

Cast members Rebeka Mendoza and Sharon Davies

Penny Miceli, an administrator in West Sacramento's police department, has pursued the dream of bringing local theater to the city for at least a year. This Saturday, the curtain will rise on her vision.

The new West Sacramento Community Theater will present "The Gift," directed by its playwright, West Sacramento's Phillip E. Stommel.

Stommel, a veteran of community theater from Lake Tahoe to Sonoma and the Bay Area, said he wrote the production to save the new group from having to buy production rights – which can range from about $500 to $2,500 for the right to perform a copyrighted play.

"This is the first production," reported Stommel. "The cast is about 20 people, with ages ranging probably from the early 50s to a seven-year old. There are probably about 25 volunteers as well," he reports.

"It's a piece I wrote because we had no budget," said Stommel of the play. "It is a Christmas story that revolves around the Fleischman family, which is sort of detached. The brothers and sisters have all grown and haven't really stayed in touch. The matriarch, played by Mary Davies, is in a wheelchair for psychological reasons – nothing physical – and she's still dealing with the death of her daughter, Lily. Lily comes back as a sort of spirit of Christmas to help the family come together and move on with their lives."

"This is an uplifting story – it's about a family coming together to start over."

Stommel is in the cast, as are Sharon Davies, Rebeka Mendoza, Rebeka's mother Michelle Mendoza and Jim Kuhlman. The cast and crew are a mix of old and new West Sacramento folks.

Paul Gianino has been the set's carpenter, and Penny Miceli serves as president of the non-profit theater's board. Stage manager is Cindy Schmidt.

"This is really her brainchild," said Stommel of Miceli.

Rehearsals have been held "everywhere from the VFW to St. John's church in Sacramento to people's living rooms."

What can the audience expect from this, a first production?

"I think the audience should come in really just expecting to be entertained," said Stommel. "These actors have worked really hard in their performances, from having no experience to being able to perform a full-fledged show. If they're looking at this in comparison to what they'd expect from one of the more established theaters, technically and set-wise, they'll have to cut us a little slack. But I think these actors have done a heck of a job creating a show."

Miceli said after her months of dogged pursuit of local theater, she's happy it's soon to be a reality.

"We're lucky to have Phil come our way, and a few others," she commented. "This certainly has momentum and room for growth."

"The Gift" will play on December 4, 10 and 11 at Yolo High School's auditorium, 920 Westacre Road.

The admission price?

Just bring three non-perishable food items for donation to the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project.

For more information, call 494-1085, or contact the new theater company at wstc9@aol.com.

Petition drive nets support for special council election

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A coalition including the city's police and firefighters' unions has led a petition drive to ask the West Sacramento City Council to schedule a special election to fill a city council vacancy. The council's other choice – scheduled for discussion at tonight's council meeting – is to fill the seat through an appointment made by the remaining four council members.

The unions spent about 20 hours collecting signatures in front of Raley's and other local spots last week, said Wally Enos, president of the West Sacramento Firefighters Association.

"I haven't tallied them all up yet, but we know we have over 1,500 signatures," said Enos. "We'll present them at the city council meeting."

Why did the union get involved in this issue?

"We feel they are the governing fathers of the city," said Enos of the city council. "They directly affect how we do business on a day to day basis. To fill the seat by an election is the American way. Appointing is how it is done in some other countries."

Assisting in the drive is attorney Mark Johannessen, who has already declared his interest in running for the council if there is a special election in June. Enos said the firefighters' union has not made a decision whom to support in such an election.

"We haven't made any determination on who we would endorse," he commented. "We have an interview process, and we'll interview everybody."

Meanwhile, Enos's union is at loggerheads with the city over negotiations for a new labor contract.

City council member Oscar Villegas, just sworn-in for another second four-year term on the council, said he is open-minded about how to fill the vacancy – but leaning towards supporting an election.

"I'm interested in hearing the discussion," said Villegas. "We've asked city staff to come back with some information related to an 'interim' appointment. But if I had to choose today, my preference would be to have an election."

Villegas was referring to the idea that the council could consider appointing someone to fill the vacancy for just the next six months – until an election could be held to fill what is left of the two-year term. City staff is researching the legality of that choice, said Villegas.

His colleague Bill Kristoff has told the News-Ledger that he, too, is interested in seeing an election to fill the seat, even though such a vote would cost the city about $35,000 to administrate.

The other two councilmembers – Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and Councilmember Carolyn Castillo Pierson, couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The term of a fifth councilman, Mark Montemayor, has just expired. Montemayor was the odd man out when a council seat was eliminated to make room for a new city post of separately-elected mayor. He failed to win election to one of the remaining two seats on the ballot on November 2.

Meanwhile, Cabaldon won election to the new mayor's post – leaving his seat on the council vacant. It's that seat that's at the heart of the current controversy.

Villegas was asked if he thought the firefighters' involvement in the petition drive was related to the labor contract dispute.

"I'd rather not comment on that," he answered. "I'd rather leave it alone."

Meanwhile, the firefighters are watching a couple of other issues that hit close to home – at least, close to their on-the-job homes.

The city has responded to the discovery of health threats, including a potential mold problem, at a 15th Street fire station (Station 41) by shutting it down temporarily and redistributing firefighters and equipment.

"We're eager to get back to Station 41," said union president Enos. "They have brought in a trailer we're going to sleep in, and they have a separate trailer for bathing and bathroom use. Our concern is to have a facility for cooking."

And Enos and his fellow firefighters are watching how the city responds to the cramped living quarters at a Southport fire station, where the council has approved a quick plan to buy a home from a homebuilder to provide housing for firefighters at the adjacent station.

In local government–

The Washington Unified School District's school board was scheduled for a meeting last evening in which both real estate negotiations and the potential discipline or release of an unnamed school official(s) were on the agenda.

Also up for board action was an architectural services agreement with DLR for the planned new high school.

The Sacramento-Yolo Port District will meet on Monday at 3:30 p.m. in closed session (with an estimated 5 p.m. start time for public session) at the West Sacramento city council chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Agenda items include conditions of marketing 65 acres of riverfront property and other real estate negotiations, including discussion of an un-

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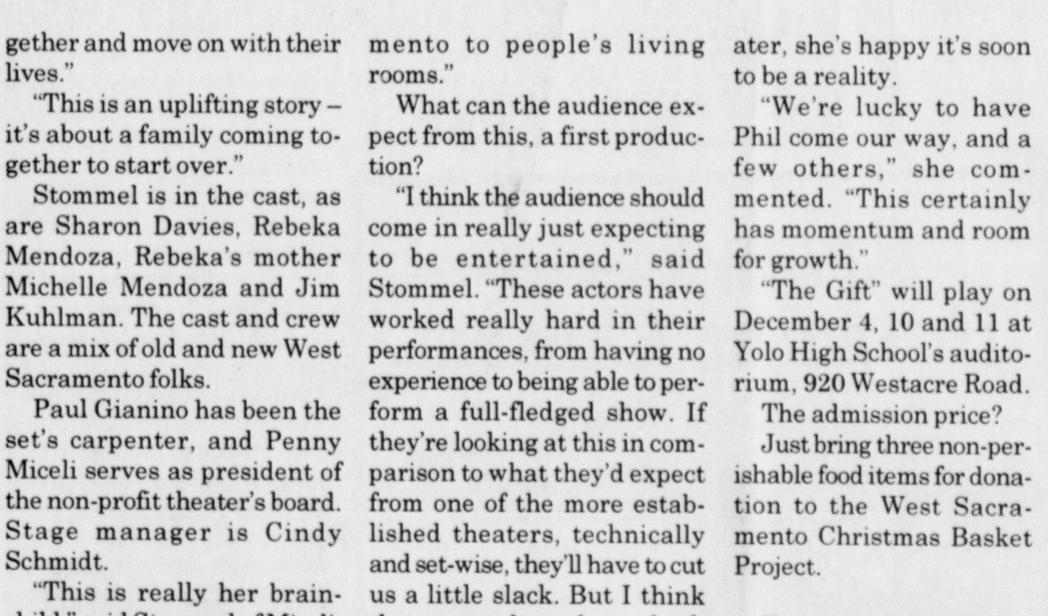

The 9-11 years old West Sac Raiders placed second in the Tournament of Champions in the NFL Flag Football National Tournament in Orlando, Florida on November 18-20. The nine kids from West Sacramento earned the right to advance by going 6-0 and winning the Western Regional Tournament in San Francisco on October 16. Nine teams from all over the country participated. The Raiders went through the brackets, defeating the Wayne Ravens of New York, 13-6; the Albany Raiders of New York, 6-0; ACCESSIP MARJCC of Florida, 15-0; and the Las Vegas Rams of Nevada 26-7. In the championship game, the West Sac Raiders lost to the Chicago Rams. This was a once-in-a-lifetime event, where all the kids received all expenses paid which included flight, transportation, meals, hotels and Disneyworld tickets. The team was coached by Rafael Enriquez.
Pictured:
Front Row: Anthony Enriquez, Joseph Rodriguez, Steven Flemons, Tony Ngo, and Chris Tellez
Back row: Myles Matamoros, Nico Arnaut, Sunny Aguero

Annual tree-lighting—

The annual lighting ceremony for the West Sacramento Christmas tree is scheduled for this Friday at 6 p.m. in front of the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Included will be an opportunity for kids to have their picture taken (free) with Santa, and there will be entertainment from a church choir, school musicians and others. The event is sponsored by the city and the chamber of commerce.

The one holiday tip you really need to know

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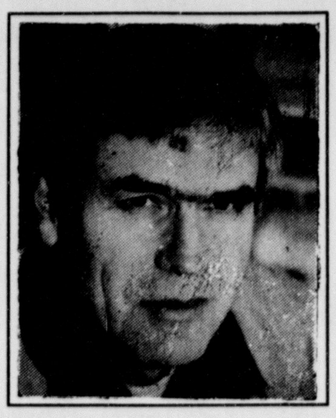

By Daryl Fisher

Once the holiday season begins, we here at the *News-Ledger* begin receiving press releases from well-meaning organizations and individuals encouraging us to better educate the public on how to have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. Most of the information we receive is just a matter of common sense and to give you an idea of what I mean, here are some of the holiday tips the West Sacramento Police Department would like you to remember.

When you're shopping: Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you; park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk; avoid carrying large amounts of cash and pay with a check or credit card whenever possible; and do not leave purses unattended in shopping carts.

When you're traveling: Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped; ask a family member or neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time; contact the police department to request a Vacation House Check; and get an automatic timer for your lights.

When you're out for the evening: Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home; be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes; and don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

When you're attending a party: Adult partygoers should establish a designated driver; and if you're the host of a holiday party, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving and always serve food with alcohol.

Anyway, feeling a little guilty that most of the safety tip press releases we receive rarely see the light of day, I decided this year to devote at least one holiday season column to them and in doing so, I have run across all kinds of interesting stuff I feel is worth passing along. For instance:

Did you know that the leading cause of plumbing and sewer blockages during the holiday season is kitchen grease related to not properly disposing of fats, oils and grease after the cooking of holiday meals? Well, it turns out that fats, oils and grease disposed of down the sink and garbage disposal accumulate in sewer pipes and ultimately restrict flow and cause blockages. So, if you don't want a sewer back-up in the middle of opening your Christmas packages, you are encouraged to: (1) Before washing pots and pans, scrape and dry them with paper towels and dispose of the materials in the trash. (2) Pour fats, oils and grease into a disposable container, such as an empty coffee can. (3) And if you deep fry a turkey, about 3 to 5 gallons of used oil will remain, and you should label that "used cooking oil" and properly dispose of it by having it recycled.

But the most interesting information I ran across while going through all the assorted holiday safety tips which crossed my desk this year was how to prevent family feuds when everyone shows up for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.

According to Stephen Covey, the author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*, before you even arrive at your mom's house (or wherever it is that you have Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner) you should: (1) Get everyone involved in the planning of the dinner, because people with a vested interest in the success of a family gathering have a tendency to get along better. (2) If you have an obnoxious repeat offender at family gatherings (and don't we all), call him or her beforehand and state your concerns, giving him or her a chance to voice their feelings, which apparently can exorcise selfish needs ahead of time. (3) When #2 doesn't work, simply resolve not to pay attention or overreact to obnoxious relatives. (4) Be a good model. If you are civil and respectful at holiday dinners then you will make it difficult for others to behave badly. (5) Learn how to change the subject of a conversation. For instance, if you feel your holiday gathering is right on the brink of a family brawl, immediately ask if anyone is up for going to a movie after dinner and even list the ones you've been dying to see. Or, think of something that has happened to you in the last few months and announce it at the table. Or, quickly start talking about a relative who is not at the gathering who therefore can't get angry no matter what you say about him or her. Or, comment glowingly on the food and ask the chef where he or she got the recipe. And finally (and this is of course the real reason I wrote this darn column in the first place -- because this is by far the best family holiday safety tip I have ever heard), as a very last resort, if you feel like your Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner is about to blow up in your face and that the annual holiday family brawl is about to begin, you are to -- and I quote -- "Accidentally catapult a spoonful of peas (although if you don't have peas, I'm sure baked beans or even mashed potatoes will do) across the table, because everyone's eyes will suddenly be on you, instead of the person who's being rude or inappropriate" and theoretically peace and quiet will then quickly return to the dinner table.

In other words, it turns out that the very best thing a wise host can do at a family holiday dinner is to always remember to serve plenty of peas!

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'Across the Bridge':

Events around the West Sacto region

Daughters of the American Revolution meet

The Sacramento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on December 13th at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with a special awards ceremony to follow at noon. The Madrigal Singers of Davis High School will also present "The Virtuosity of Madrigal Singing." For more information call 488-4189 or 783-0593.

Chorus singing

The Voice of the Valley Chorus will feature some of this regions best barbershop music in their upcoming holiday show, Season of Harmony, on

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Obituaries

Obie "Pete" Brandon

Pete Brandon passed away in Sacramento on November 17, 2004. He was the beloved husband of Lorene Brandon; the loving father of Obie (Kathy) Brandon and Barbara (Chuck) Moore; the devoted grandfather of Tera (Matt) Clizbe, Eric Brandon, Melissa (Jason) Bramham and Michael Moore, and great grandfather of Cameron Clizbe. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by nine siblings.

Pete was especially proud of his 50-year watch given to him by the Operating Engineers, Local #3 for his years of dedicated service. He worked construction for 63 years as a heavy equipment operator, mostly for Granite & Teichert Construction Companies. Although he loved to hunt, his pride and joy was his grandchildren. At his request, no services will be held. Private inurnment. Arrangements were handled by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

Corinna Martinez

Corinna Martinez was born on October 25, 1947 in Berkeley, California and passed away on November 26, 2004 in Sacramento. She moved to West Sacramento in 1980 and is survived by her son, Eric McInnis; her father, Lorenzo Martinez; her brother, Richard Martinez; her stepbrother, Richard LaBonte; her grandchildren, Tabitha, Allan, and Danny; and her dearest friends, Vic and Cindy. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Family and friends are invited to attend funeral services for Corinna on Friday, December 3, 2004, in the River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street in West Sacramento.

Florence Cameron

Florence Cameron passed away in Sacramento on November 19, 2004. She was the beloved wife of the late Carroll Cameron; the loving mother of Donald J. (Irene) Cameron and Nancy (John) Weninger; the devoted grandmother of Karen, Kathy, Kenneth, Colleen, John Jr., Jeanette & Julie; and the great grandmother of 11. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by her grandson, Scott.

Florence was a native of Minnesota and a 45-year resident of West Sacramento. Memorial services were held on November 23, 2004 in the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Private inurnment was at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura, California.

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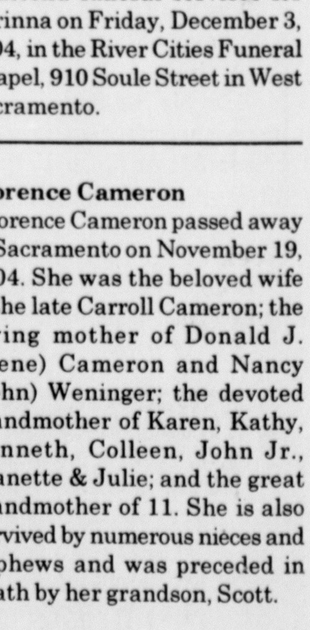

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Rich Novoa

It's official, the 49ers are worst team in the NFL, the NBA has huge image problems and the Oakland Raiders beat the Broncos in Denver! It was a great Thanksgiving weekend's as the NFL teams battle for playoff spots and there were no boxing matches in any of the NBA games.

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (8-5) put together a nice 5 game winning streak over the Holiday weekend only to lose again to those pesky Minnesota Timberwolves (8-5) again. The Timberwolves love playing at the Arco. Minnesota came into town last season and ended the Kings eight game-winning streak. The Wolves are the only team to beat Sacramento twice in the capitol city.

The Kings old rivalry against the Los Angeles Lakers is dead and gone. It's just not same and will never build up the excitement these two teams created for our franchise. Shaq moved on to Miami, Horry is in San Antonio and Rick Fox retired. Kobe is still around but Karl Malone and Gary Payton have hit the road.

The Kings beat Los Angeles on Saturday night 109-106 with C-Webb's 22 points, 16 rebounds and 7 assists over shadowing Kobe's 40-point effort. Kobe needs a better supporting cast. The Shaq and Kobe show has been canceled!

The Kings will travel to New Orleans (5 p.m.) on Wednesday then fly back to Sac Town to host the Indiana Pacers (7:30-ESPN) on Friday night and Boston (6 p.m.) on Sunday.

Major League Baseball

The Oakland A's made their first move for the 2005 season by acquiring three-time All-Star Jason Kendall. The 30-year catcher was traded from Pittsburgh for left-handed starter Mark Redman and middle reliever Arthur Rhodes. Kendall is a career .300 hitter over the last nine years and will bat second in the A's lineup. It's a big move for the A's because Kendall has a contract the pays him about $18 million through 2007.

Week 12 in the NFL

The 49ers (1-10) lost the Toilet Bowl to the Miami Dolphins (2-9) 24-17 and now are in four weeks away from clinching the 2005 No. 1 draft pick. The Dolphins and 49ers put on a horrible exhibition of profession football. The Niners punted nine times and QB Tim Rattay was sacked eight times while Miami punted seven times and rushed for only 49 yards.

However, Rattay didn't throw his now famous fourth quarter interception for a touchdown but did manage to add to his 13 season turnovers with three fumbles. The Fish picked up one his fumbles to score the winning touchdown. Next week the 49ers travel to St. Louis (10 a.m.) for their next loss. I wonder if the 49ers can afford to sign the NFL's top pick?

The Oakland Raiders (4-7) had fun in the snow beating Denver (7-4) 25-24 knocking the Broncos out of first place in the AFC West. It was the Silver and Black's first win over the Broncos in four games and just their second in 10 games.

Kerry Collins had a pretty good game in the snow completing 26 out of 45 passes and four touchdowns. Wide receiver Terry Porter had his best game of the season catching three touchdowns passes while running through the snow for 135 yards.

The Raiders host the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday (1 p.m.) but expect another Silver and Blackout on TV.

In week 12, I like the Bills (-3) to win in Miami and the Vikings (-7) will take care of Da Bears in Chicago and on Monday night the Seahawks (-7) will try and get back into the playoff hunt with a win over the Cowboys. In College, Miami, FLA (-7) will try and run up the score on Va. Tech. and secure a better bowl berth.

See ya next week!

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Who has hit the most home runs in baseball's interleague play since it began in 1997?
2. Who was the last Pittsburgh Pirate to win the Cy Young Award?
3. In 2003, Peyton Manning to Marvin Harrison became the second NFL combination to total 600 completions and 8,000 receiving yards. Who was the first?
4. Who was the first college basketball coach to reach the regional final in the men's NCAA Tournament in four different decades?
5. What is the record for the shortest overtime in the NHL playoffs?
6. Name the two teams that played in the third-place game in soccer's 2002 men's World Cup.
7. Who did heavyweight boxer Jack Dempsey fight in his last successful title defense?

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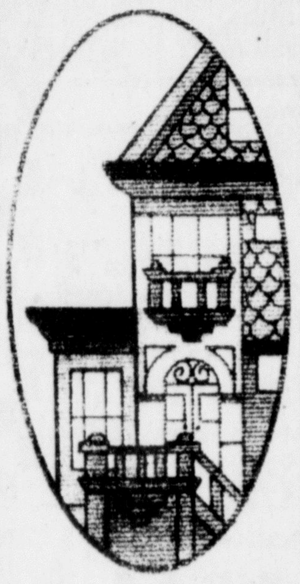

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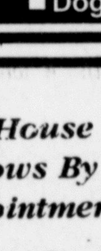

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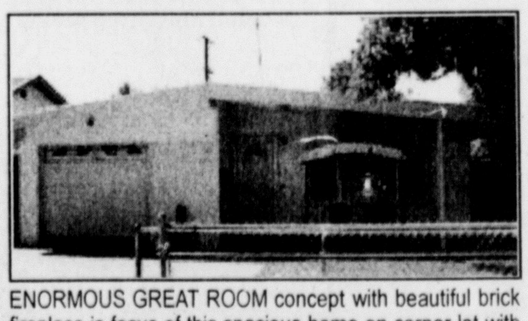

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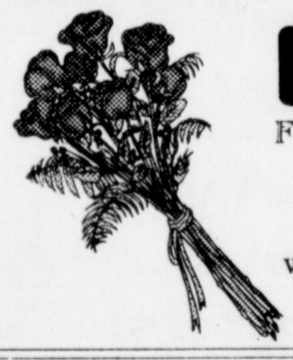

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Police log

Nov. 24, 3:30 p.m.
Someone entered a Rogue River Circle home through a sliding glass door, taking blankets, towels, shoes and other items.

Nov. 24, 8:41 p.m.
Two masked and gloved men jumped the counter at a Stillwater Road hotel and stole $243.

Nov. 25, 12:55 a.m.
An officer stopped a motorist near Harbor Blvd. for driving with a taillight out. The driver had bloodshot eyes, an unsteady gaze and the odor of alcohol. The driver failed a field sobriety test and was arrested.

Nov. 25, 11:02 p.m.
An officer saw a 37-year old man passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road near South River Road and 15th Street, blocking traffic. The driver appeared intoxicated and was arrested.

Nov. 26, 10 a.m.
A 1968 Dodge van was reported stolen from the 2200-block of West Capitol Avenue sometime during the night.

Nov. 26, 11 a.m.
On Glide Avenue, an officer spotted a vehicle believed in the possession of an escapee from a Washington prison. At least one fellow officer helped keep the car under surveillance. When the car drove away, the first officer stopped it, taking the escapee and a woman (also a convicted felon) into custody without incident. Ammunition and methamphetamines were found in their possession.

Nov. 26, 4:09 p.m.
On Virginia Street, someone ransacked a home after forcing open a rear window to enter. Losses were unknown.

Nov. 26, 8:41 p.m.
On Michigan Avenue, someone kicked in a rear door and ransacked a home. The victims were on vacation; it was unclear what had been taken.

Nov. 27, 1:19 a.m.
On Harbor Blvd., two subjects in a Chevrolet reportedly had approached a victim, demanding money. When the victim refused, he was assaulted. The victim was hospitalized with a head injury.

Nov. 27, 11:18 p.m.
A man was arrested by West Sacramento police at Pine Street in West Sacramento at the request of Sacramento police, who wanted him on domestic violence charges. After an hour in detention and three phone calls to Sacramento police asking them to pick him up, no Sacramento officers had claimed him. The suspect was released. A Sacramento police sergeant was notified of the circumstances, and said the messages must have been lost in the communications system.

Nov. 27, 7:30 a.m.
A 1995 Plymouth Voyager was reported stolen sometime during the night from 7th Street.

Nov. 27, 1 p.m.
A petty theft was reported on Galveston Street. A woman took the keys to a vehicle and a cell phone from the vehicle. She was placed on citizen's arrest. It was an ongoing domestic issue involving her ex-husband, and the woman had violated her own restraining order.

Nov. 27, 3:10 p.m.
A 1988 Toyota Camry was reported stolen sometime in the past two days from Casselman Drive.

Nov. 27, 3:20 p.m.
A female suspect used a forged check to buy liquor at a Town Center Drive store. She was confronted as she left the parking lot in a car, driving off.

Nov. 27, 5:16 p.m.
A man was arrested for a home invasion robbery on Sacramento Avenue.

Nov. 28, 12:35 a.m.
A Pilot Point Dr. man was arrested on domestic violence charges.

Nov. 28, 2:40 a.m.
On St. John Road, a 2000 Honda was reported stolen within the last five minutes. Police responded but did not locate the vehicle.

Nov. 28, 4:24 a.m.
Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the middle school. A responsible party had turned the alarm off after interrupting four subjects burglarizing the school. In a wheelbarrow were found five computers, near a stolen bike. Police set up a perimeter but did not locate the suspects.

Nov. 28, 9 a.m.
Near 8th and Welland Way, a stolen 1988 Camry was found abandoned.

Nov. 28, 10:31 a.m.
A couple on a motorcycle was approaching the South River Road/Tower Bridge area when their bike drifted into a concrete center divider. Both were thrown and were hospitalized in critical condition. One later died. Police did not immediately release the names of the victims.

Nov. 28, 7:58 p.m.
A West Capitol Avenue woman reported her 13-year old daughter had run away again.

Nov. 28, 8:15 p.m.
A 16-year old girl reported a rape by her 18-year old boyfriend.

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solicited offer from a private party to buy 36 acres of port property in Southport, West Sacramento. The port declined to provide further details on that offer.

The city council of West Sacramento was scheduled to hold a special meeting last evening to accept the results of the November 2 election and swear in Mayor-elect Christopher Cabaldon and councilmen Bill Kristoff and Oscar Villegas, as well as select a new mayor pro tem (vice mayor).

The council will meet again tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at the civic center. Included on the agenda will be a general plan amendment regarding an area near Harbor Blvd., Beacon Blvd. and U.S. 50, and consideration of options to fill a vacant city council seat.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It's been calculated that to work off the calories consumed in one Big Mac, a webhead would have to surf the Internet for five-and-a-half hours.

• The American Automobile Association has become a ubiquitous presence in modern America; motorists across the country take advantage of its discounts, roadside service and maps. The company has been around nearly as long as cars — AAA published its first road map as early as 1905. For those who are curious, the map was of Staten Island, and it was hand-drawn on linen.

• It was journalist Walter Winchell who made this sage observation: "Gossip is the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves practically nothing unsaid."

• When the Eiffel Tower's lease expired in 1909, the Paris landmark was so universally disliked that it was nearly dismantled. Radio rescued it, though; the tower turned out to be so useful for its antenna, the government decided to leave it in place.

• Here are a few additions to the list of words brought into the English language by playwright William Shakespeare: remorseless, bedroom, epileptic, impede, arouse, anchovy and zany.

• Garlic was considered to have medicinal properties as early as 2000 B.C.

• Most people have heard of Schlitz beer (though perhaps there aren't very many people who claim to drink it on a regular basis). Well, originally it was named the Krug Brewery. When the owner passed away, one of his employees, Joseph Schlitz, married his boss's widow, took over the operation and renamed the brewery after himself.

• Are you a die-hard pet lover? If so, then perhaps you've heard of cologne designed for dogs. There are at least two brands on the market: "Timmy Holedigger" and "Aramutts."

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 10, 1869,** Wyoming territorial legislators pass a bill that is signed into law granting women the right to vote. Many legislators supported the bill because they thought it would win the territory free national publicity and might attract more single marriageable women to the rugged, isolated region.

• On **Dec. 12, 1913,** two years after it was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris, Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece "The Mona Lisa" is recovered inside Italian waiter Vincenzo Peruggia's hotel room in Florence.

• On **Dec. 7, 1941,** at 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, hundreds of Japanese warplanes descend on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack killed some 2,400 Americans, rendered much of the U.S. Pacific fleet useless and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.

• On **Dec. 11, 1956,** the Hays Code, the movie industry's tight restriction of language and subject matter, is eased slightly for the first time since its adoption in 1930. Actors could now mention abortion, drugs, kidnapping and prostitution.

• On **Dec. 9, 1963,** the last American-made Studebaker was produced, and the automobile factory in South Bend, Ind., closed forever. Studebaker, started during the Civil War, was once the world's largest manufacturer of horse-drawn carriages.

• On **Dec. 8, 1980,** singer John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the band that transformed popular music in the 1960s, is shot and killed by Mark David Chapman outside his apartment building in New York City. After the murder, Chapman waited calmly for police to arrive, reading a copy of "The Catcher in the Rye."

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December 11th at the Mesa Verde Performing Arts Center, 7501 Carriage Drive in Citrus Heights. Sweet Adeline and Barbershop Quartets will be featured, along with the Christian Brothers High School Ensemble. For ticket information and performance times call 332-8686 or visit VoiceoftheValley.org.

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Seven elegantly decorated homes in East Sacramento's historic Fabulous Forties neighborhood will be open for viewing on Dec. 3-5. The homes will showcase creative holiday decor and elaborate renovation while preserving historic design. The tours includes a holiday gift boutique and cafe located at Sacred Heart Parish School at 39th and I Streets. Tour tickets are $20 in advance ($30 beginning December 3) and can be purchased at 3933 I Street in Sacramento. For more information call 556-5050.

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Storytime Theatre of Sacramento City College will present Mr. Toad's Christmas Carol on Saturdays and Sundays, November 20 to December 12. Tickets are $5. All performances will be held at 1 p.m. in Auditorium 6 and last about 40 minutes.

SCC is located at 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento, directly across from William Land Park. For further information, call 558-2174.

Model railroad club holds open house

The Vallejo Model Railroad Club will sponsor its annual Holiday Open House on December 11-12 in the Civic Building, on the Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, at Highway 37 and I-80 in Vallejo. The nationally recognized HO-scale model railroad will be featured. For more information call 707-643-1809.

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For more information and to obtain a schedule, call 734-6441.

New production at SCC

City Theatre at Sacramento City College will present *Return to the Forbidden Planet* through December 12th. Performances will be held in the Art Court Theatre at SCC, 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento. For ticket information and performance schedules call 558-2228.

New exhibit at Crocker Art Museum

Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum will present "Neo Mod: Recent Northern California Abstraction" from November 20 to January 30. The new exhibit will feature works about the contemporary cultural environment which unite tradition with innovation.

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Call for the vote

Time to call for a special election.

The city council of West Sacramento has a choice of how to fill one of its own empty chairs for the next two years. Appointing someone to fill the seat would be both quicker (by half a year) and cheaper (by $35,000) than holding an election in June. But there is substantial public outcry for the voters themselves to decide who sits in the seat, so an election is really the only way to go.

Much of the outcry comes from the local firefighters' union, which is in heated contract negotiations with the city (that means "city council") and therefore is not going out of its way to make the council's life easy before a deal is made. Without the contract dispute, it's tough to know how concerned the firefighters would be about the issue.

And their effort is supported by a local attorney and ally, Mark Johannessen, who has already said he wants to run in the proposed special election.

A reported 1,600 people have signed the petition calling for a special election, although those names had not been submitted to city hall as of Monday. Anybody with experience in politics knows that names on a petition can mean either a little or a lot – it's tough to know exactly how the signers were approached and how strongly they feel about the need for an election instead of an appointment. But some of the signers, no doubt, feel strongly and are well-informed.

The alternative to an election is for the council to fill the seat by appointment. This raises the question of how the new councilmember would be chosen. Former council member Mark Montemayor, who did not win re-election this month, has asked for the post, citing his experience and his status as the highest vote-getter in this election who did not win a seat. One councilman has suggested specifically looking for an appointee from the underrepresented north area of the city. Some fear an attempt by the mayor to bring a protégé on board, consolidating his influence in city leadership. No doubt one or two other councilmembers will have other ideas about whom to appoint. It's tough to imagine a "clean" solution that does not open the door for strife and finger-pointing.

An appointment process wouldn't exactly short-circuit local democracy. After all, the appointment would be made by four people duly elected by West Sacramento voters to make important decisions for the city. But it would remove the selection process one more step from the voters. And since a substantial number of the voters happen to care about this issue, and say they want an election, the current council ought to err on the side of direct democracy, calling for a special election at the earliest possible time.

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A Sacramento Bee columnist recently mentioned one of the findings of a consultant for economic development in West Sacramento: this city has way too many (eleven!) different promotional tag lines in use by civic organizations and local government. The different catch-phrases tout the local quality of life and business-friendly culture.

In a joking reference to West Sac's historic reputation as a den of iniquity, the columnist suggested bastardizing a marketing tag-line from another den of iniquity, Las Vegas: "What happens in West Sac, stays in West Sac."

Okay, pretty funny – even if a lot of the city's newer residents in splashy new suburbs have no idea what the joke is about. Times change, a little at a time.

The line, though, reminded the News-Ledger of another Bee columnist's wisecrack from about a dozen years ago. The columnist recounted an airplane journey from Sacramento's airport over West Sacramento and mused on the author's fear of plane crashes.

He then speculated on the impacts of his airliner coming down in West Sacramento's depressed business district – "causing damage into the hundreds of dollars."

Letters to the Editor

We need your help

Grace in Action is a non-profit organization that serves the most vulnerable and underserved in Yolo County by bridging the gap between our community of giving and local agency programs. We offer lunches, clothing, bottled water, sleeping bags and other personal items. At this time of year we are in desperate need of sleeping bags. We could use the help of all those in the community who may have an extra sleeping bag or two stored at home. Last year Grace in Action supplied 18 new sleeping bags to the unsheltered at Christmas time. Please consider giving a clean gently used or new sleeping bad to those without a roof over their head this holiday season.

Please call Cindy Landy at 530-400-5442 for pickup. Thank you!

CINDY LANDY
GRACE IN ACTION
Davis, California

Let the people decide

Besides developers, the main proponents of Measure "R" were and remain the mayor, Councilman Villegas, Friends of Oscar Villegas (his campaign committee), Friends of Christopher Cabaldon (his campaign committee), and Parents and Neighbors for the Best Schools (a committee run out of Chris Cabaldon's Meadowview address), and Oscar's wife as the treasurer and campaign coordinator. The measure was signed by Chris and Oscar, as well as Denise Seals and Len Strickland.

Not a single individual community member contributed to that measure. Oscar was the controlling officeholder of the committee, and the Democratic Club was used to send a mailer out, by the way Katie Villegas runs that group,

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 27, 2004
File No. 2004-1088

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/s/Joseph R. Chand

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Filed Nov 9, 2004
File No. 2004-1138

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/s/Richard E. Howard III

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PT04-1774
Filed Nov 2, 2004

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Brenda Carol Brocker filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Brenda Carol Brocker

Proposed name: Brenda Carol Cole

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Dec. 14, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, California 95695.

Date: 11-1-04
THOMAS E WARRINER
Judge of the Superior Court

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to CA. Bus. and Prof. Code 21700 et. seq. Harbor Self Storage, 541 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento, California will, for the purpose of satisfying lien for storage, sell at public auction at 9:30 A.M. the 17th day of December, 2004, the contents of storage spaces named below, which consist of misc. personal property, household, lawn equipment and misc. boxes.

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H06 – Barbara Andlove; K11 – Manuel Boultier; C28 – Richard R. Brumley; G44 – Andrew Carpenter; E33 – Wendy Katayanagi; D06 – James Ernest Lobue; G37 Louie R. Lopez; C21 – Renae M. Mathison; H22 – Bernard Nabor.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on December 8, 2004, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 04-20 changing the Zoning Map from commercial Highway (CH), Professional Office (PO), and Planned Development 15 (PD-15) to Business Park (BP) and Commercial Highway (CH), in the 46.8 acre PD-15 Overlay Zone, generally rounded by Harbor Boulevard, US Highway 50 and Beacon Boulevard.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
December 16, 2004

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, December 16, 2004, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
None at this time
REGULAR AGENDA

Item #1 - Public Hearing on Henegar Tentative Parcel Map (TSM 04-17) - This application requests a tentative parcel map to split one 10-acre parcel into four 2.5-acre parcels. The property is located at 3245 Marshall Road (APN #45-260-07) and is zoned RE (Rural Estates). A Categorical Exemption has been filed on the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Guidelines. APPLICANT: Wecker Surveys, Inc., 1111 Kennedy Place, Suite 4, Davis, Ca. 95616. OWNER: Sean Henegar, 3245 Marshall Road, West Sacramento, Ca. 95691 (CH)

Item #2 - Public Hearing and Recommended Approval of Ordinance 04-21 Recommending Approval of the Bridgeway Lakes Two Development Agreement To the West Sacramento City Council (DA 04-01) - The application seeks a development agreement to relocate the seventy two moderate and low income affordable housing obligation of Bridgeway Lakes II to an off-site location south of the Bridgeway Lakes II project. The Bridgeway Lakes II project was approved by the City Council on March 3, 2004. An addendum to the previously certified Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared on this project. APPLICANT: ASB Southport II, LLC, 1107 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, Ca. 94533. OWNERS: Bridgeway Lakes Lot Development, LLC, 1544 Eureka Road, Suite 150, Roseville, Ca. 95661

Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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—Erastus Wiman

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—Robert Louis Stevenson

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT "M"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the West Sacramento City Council on November 3, 2004, adopted its Resolution No. 04-114, in which it declared its intention to establish a community facilities district, to establish an appropriations limit for such district, and to levy a special tax to pay for certain services, all pursuant to the provisions of the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the California Government Code and Chapter 3.32 of the City Municipal Code. The resolution describes the boundaries of the proposed district, the services proposed to be financed, and the rate, method of apportionment, and manner of collection of the proposed special tax. The City proposes to tax all interests in property that may be taxed under the Act. For further details, the resolution is available at the office of the City Clerk, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council has fixed Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 2003, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, as the time and place when and where the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of the district. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the establishment of the district, the extent of the district, or the furnishing of the specified services will be heard.

If (i) 50% or more of the registered voters or six registered voters (whichever is more) residing within the district or (ii) the owners of one-half or more of the area of the land within the district that is not exempt from the special tax file written protests against the establishment of the district, and the protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, the creation of the district and the tax levy shall not be considered for a period of one year from the date of the decision of the City Council after the hearing. If the majority of the registered voters or the landowners protests only against a specific type of service or a specified tax, then that type of service or tax shall be precluded.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council determines to establish the district, the City Council will order an election to be held by the qualified electors of the district by mailed ballot, with each such elector having one vote for each acre or portion of an acre owned by the elector, on the questions of levying the special tax and establishing an appropriations limit.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on December 8, 2004 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Resolution 04-99 amending the Book of City Imposts for changes to existing fee schedules for various City regulatory activities, products and services.

2. Resolution 04-100 amending theBook of City Imposts for changes to existing fee schedules for various development impact fees.

3. Resolution 04-115 amending the General Plan regarding nonconforming industrial uses on South River Road between the Pioneer Bridge and the Barge Canal.

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PUZZLES & COMICS

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Super Crossword

COOL CHARACTERS

ACROSS
1 Composer Schifrin
5 Nom de crime?
10 Theatrical Joseph
14 Exclude
19 Way off base?
20 Mete out the minestrone
21 "God's Little —" ('58 film)
22 Lose one's tail?
23 English talk-show host
25 "The Alamo" actor
27 Kitchen utensil
28 Arboreal animal
30 Jai —
31 Trombonist Winding
32 Took a shot at
34 Salve
37 Chinese principle
38 Fit for farming
42 "Ligeia" author
43 Conductor Jeffrey
45 Thurman of "Final Analysis"
48 Southern staple
50 PC key
52 Make wine divine
55 Drives and drives?
58 '87 Warren Beatty film
60 Word game
65 Ol' Blue Eyes' birthplace
67 Church area
68 Apple variety
69 Mauna —
70 Coeur d'—, ID
71 Skater Midori
72 Actress Nell
73 "The King and I" refrain
74 Subordinate to
75 "It Was a Good Day" rapper
78 Pithy
80 Hazel's boss
81 Add color
83 Quiet — mouse
84 Jeweler's weight
85 Novelist Kobo
86 "— homo"
87 Neighbor of Neb.
88 Author France
91 Film site
93 Forceful
95 Neiman or Anderson
96 — Dinh Diem
97 Broadway letters
99 Director von Stroheim
101 Curly poker?
102 Singer Wooley
106 TV's "My — Dads"
108 Swift savages
111 — Cob, CT
114 Strauss opera
117 Japanese porcelain
120 Recite a soliloquy
121 Pants measurement
122 Addis —
126 Mythical weeper
128 "Poetry Man" singer
132 "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" star
134 A Muse
135 California resort
136 Become boring
137 Warty one
138 Talk out of
139 Fluff the flour
140 Used a whetstone
141 Humorist Bombeck

DOWN
1 The Four —
2 Expect
3 Sweetheart
4 "Twelfth Night" role
5 Landon or Kjellin
6 Ulrich of Metallica
7 Matinee —
8 As well
9 Brief brawl
10 Part of PST
11 Cologne cry
12 Paris' pop
13 Small shot
14 One of the Clintons
15 Yalie
16 Like some sweaters
17 Dwight's competition
18 Varnish ingredient
24 Mailer's "The — Park"
26 Natalie's sister
29 With-it
33 Mr. Hammarskjold
35 — Dame
36 It's in the bag
39 Feta marinade
40 Fleur-de- —
41 Racial
44 Jug part
45 "Gross!"
46 Bovine bellow
47 "Wozzeck" composer
49 Chihuahua or Tabasco
51 Freighter
53 "My Little Margie" star
54 Ham up "Hamlet"
56 Pleat
57 Singer Davis
59 Guacamole base
61 This instant
62 "The Kitchen God's Wife" author
63 Common
64 Cul-de- —
66 Physicist Fermi
74 Metropolitan
75 Stuff
76 Grammarian's concern
77 High-rise building?
79 Be important
80 Irate
82 Member of the mil.
84 Snag
87 Crab's expression
89 Card game
90 Spud bud
92 Ring stats
94 Long or Peeples
98 Hwy.
100 — polloi
103 Port
104 New York county
105 Met men
107 Slangy suffix
109 Word form for "all"
110 Sault — Marie, MI
111 Like Batman
112 Paint pigment
113 Summer ermine
115 Dog star
116 Humiliate
118 Turbine part
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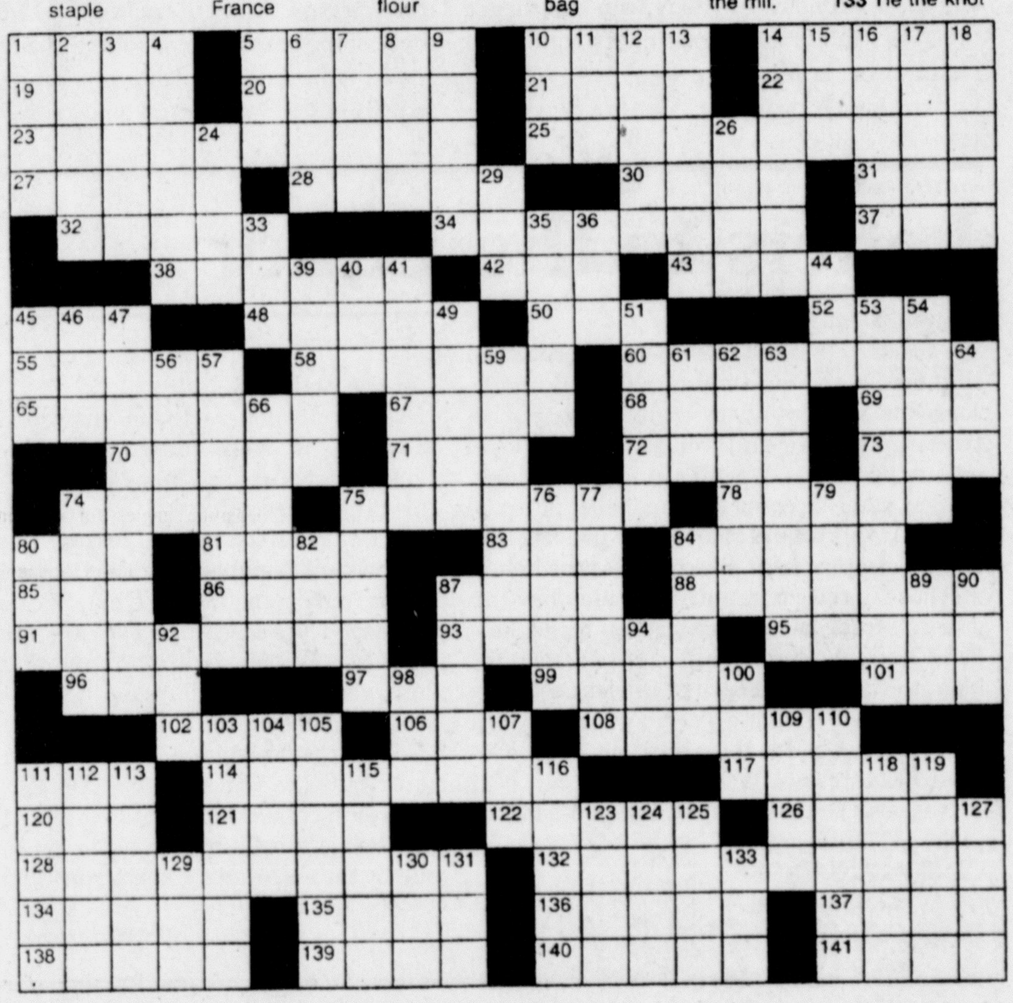
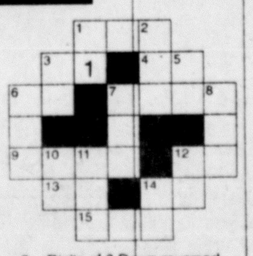


Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
3. Four more than 5-Down
4. One more than 13-Across
6. One-half of 3-Down
7. 1-Across plus 8-Down
9. Consecutive digits rearranged
12. One-third of 14-Across
13. 12-Across minus 6-Across
14. Five more than 14-Down
15. Digits of 7-Down reversed

DOWN
1. 6-Across plus 10-Down
2. Digits of 6-Down reversed
3. Four more than 12-Down
5. Five more than 12-Across
6. Three times 1-Down
7. Four times 3-Across
8. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
10. 14-Down minus 3-Down
11. Two times 2-Down
12. Three times 13-Across
14. Seven times 4-Across

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Backrest, Chain, Clutch, Crash bar, Foot pegs, Fork, Frame, Fuel tank, Grab rail, Headlight, Reflectors, Saddlebags, Seat, Throttle, Windshield

See answers Page 11

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. I'm a big fan of Nancy Grace from Court TV, and I would like to know if it's true that she is in some way involved in the NBC series "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit." — *Donella H.*

A. Nancy Grace is not officially connected to "Law and Order: SVU." However, I'm told that in a story about the show, her experience handling cases involving victims of sexual abuse was cited as a real-life example of how the law handles these incidents.

By the way, Grace is largely credited with helping to reduce deaths among battered women in Atlanta after she helped staff the hotline of a battered women's shelter, making available a place where women could report abuse and find help before — as the statistics show — their abusers kill them.

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Q. A co-worker claims Richard Dean Anderson of "Stargate SG-1" is married to his co-star, Amanda Topping. I doubt it myself, but is it true? And do they have any children? Also, did he give up his American citizenship when he moved to Canada to do the series? — *Petra R.*

A. Richard Dean Anderson is not married to Amanda Topping, nor do they have any children together. He is, however, the doting dad of daughter, Wylie Annarose Anderson, born to him and Apryl Prose in 1998.

Anderson did not give up his U.S. citizenship, nor did he "move" to Vancouver. His legal residence is still Los Angeles, although he spends much of the year in the Canadian city (which he loves and has said so often) because the show is filmed there.

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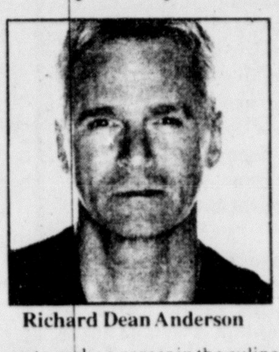
Q. On "Emeril Live" (the Food Network), Emeril often refers to someone named Hilda as the inspiration for some of his dishes. Who is Hilda? — *Angela S.*

A. Hilda is Emeril Lagasse's mother, a fine cook who encouraged



Richard Dean Anderson

her son to make a career in the culinary arts. He always credits her when he uses one of her recipes or any of her variations on classic Portuguese (Hilda's background), French Canadian (his dad's heritage) or New England cuisine.

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Q. Is it true that Roy Rogers and Clint Black were related? I think they look alike, and they did record a song together. — *Elaine W.*

A. There is no record that Cincinnati-born Leonard Slye (Roy Rogers' real name) and Long Branch, N.J., native, Clint Black are related. Then again, many of us have relatives we don't know about. Case in Point: I'm sure President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry were surprised to learn recently that they share eight ancestral lines.

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Note: Thanks to Vicki S. of Topeka, Kan., who reminded me that while Leah Remini ("King of Queens") did not get the role of Monica on "Friends," for which she auditioned, she guested on the May, 1995 episode, "The One With the Birth," as an expectant mother whom Joey befriended at the hospital while waiting for Ross and Carol's son to be born.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla

2005 Suzuki XL-7 4WD
Base price: $25,799
Price as tested: $26,394

This week we test-drive the 2005 Suzuki XL-7, which we believe is one of the prettiest SUVs on the road, particularly for the price. Our tester came with gorgeous Classic Red Pearl paint, and the addition of chrome door handles, trim and XL-7 badging made for a true eye-catcher.

Suzuki's flagship SUV is as attractive inside as out. Standard interior features include steering-wheel-mounted audio controls, cruise, tilt, remote keyless entry, heated power outside rearview mirrors, rear wiper with washer, rear defroster and a power tilt-and-slide sunroof.

Among the interior highlights is the availability of third-row seating, which makes room for seven passengers. Like any SUV, seating seven isn't comfortable for the third-row of passengers. The midsize XL-7 has 49.6 inches of shoulder room and 31.3 inches of legroom at the rear seats (the Ford Explorer, for comparison, is 52.8 and 34.8 in the same measurements). The XL-7 has extra-wide rear doors that allow easy access.

When not being used to move family, friends or sports teams, the XL-7's 60/40 split-folding second-row seats and 50/50 split-folding third-row seats can be arranged to haul cargo (up to 75.1 cubic feet with seats folded) or a combination of cargo and people.

The XL-7 is also highly touted in safety, having received the highest rating possible in the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's 40-mph frontal offset crash test. For 2005, safety is further improved with a tire-pressure monitoring system that includes a telltale light in the instrument cluster.

Beyond safety, the XL-7's "body-on-frame" construction helps it navigate difficult terrain while maintaining a smooth highway ride. The front suspension is the proven MacPherson strut design, but Suzuki engineers took it a step further by mounting the system's springs and struts separately to improve ride quality. The XL-7 is off-road ready, with 7.6 inches of ground clearance and strong 28.5-degree approach and 23.4-degree departure angles for climbing and descending. It offers push-button four-wheel drive, with available low-range.

On the highway, we were impressed with the ride, but one area of weakness is cabin noise — there's too much "wind" at the front windshield.

The XL-7 comes with a 2.7-liter V-6, adequate for an SUV of this size, but questionable with a load of passengers and, say, a boat behind it. The all-aluminum, DOHC power plant produces 185 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. Again, to use the popular Explorer for comparison, the XL-7's power pales to its competitor's standard 4.0-liter V-6 with 240 horsepower.

2005 Suzuki XL-7 4WD

Likes: Sophisticated, beautiful look. Price.

Dislikes: Automatic transmission should be standard. Cabin noise. Dated rear-gate spare-tire enclosure.

A five-speed manual transmission is standard, while the optional five-speed automatic is $1,000 more. With the automatic, drivers can select "power mode," which allows the engine to rev higher between up shifts and downshift quicker when the accelerator is depressed, or "normal mode," which maximizes fuel economy.

Other important numbers include a 110.2-inch wheelbase; 3,759-pound curb weight; 17-mpg city, 22-mpg highway EPA fuel ratings; 3,000-pound towing capacity; and 16.9-gallon fuel tank. Like all 2005 Suzuki models, the XL-7 is covered by a 100,000/seven-year powertrain limited warranty that's fully transferable, and a 36,000-mile/three-year new-vehicle limited warranty.

Important to keep in mind with this vehicle is the price, with two-wheel-drive models starting less than $21,000 delivered (for a quality SUV!) and top-of-the-line choices less than $28,500. With that, we give the XL-7 an 8.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. It wouldn't take much to convince us to sign on the bottom line.

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Consistency is contrary to nature, contrary to life. The only completely consistent people are dead.
—Aldous Huxley

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The strongest of all warriors are these two — Time and Patience.
—Leo Tolstoy

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Books

To Be the Man
by Ric Flair with Keith Elliot Greenberg
(World Wrestling Entertainment Books, $26)
Reviewed by Chris Richcreek

Have a hard time accepting that a book about a pro wrestler would actually make the New York Times' best-seller list? Well, to borrow a catchphrase from wrestling legend Ric Flair, the subject of "To Be the Man." "Whether you like it or you don't like it, learn to love it."

Flair has followed the trail to the New York Times list that was blazed by fellow wrestlers like Mick Foley and The Rock. But there is one essential difference: Flair is arguably one of the greatest pro wrestlers ever, and almost certainly the best in the business of the past 30 years.

The book details Flair's rise from the old American Wrestling Association to his stints in the National Wrestling Alliance, World Championship Wrestling and the World Wrestling Federation/World Wrestling Entertainment — where, even in his mid-50s, he still gets in the ring and yells his famed "Wooo!"

"To Be the Man" is full of anecdotes and insights about the business, along with a host of pictures. Yet the bulk of the book is focused on Flair and how he has gone about his trade. Flair tells how he has always tried to do right by the business, giving his best effort night after night in the ring and losing championships when the story lines called for it. Whether as a "face" or a "heel" (which he has been for a majority of his career), Flair has always been entertaining.

During his career, Flair interacted with hundreds of other wrestlers, and he discusses a number of them in the book, including Hulk Hogan, Ricky Steamboat, Sting and Bret Hart. Some he praises, and others he more or less buries.

There are numerous other books about pro wrestlers, but "To be the man, you've gotta beat the man," and few could hope to top the "Nature Boy's" wrestling legacy in print.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"Seed of Chucky"

Running time: 90 minutes
MPAA rating: R

You may be asking yourself, "Hey, where can I see an ex-ventriloquist's dummy with an effete British accent struggle with his sexual identity; the Marquis du Bad Taste John Waters have his face burnt off with sulfuric acid; and a demonically possessed female doll in a push-up bra use a turkey baster to artificially inseminate Jennifer Tilly?"

I feel your pain, Dear Reader. I too, have asked the same question many, many times. And now, I have the answer — and it isn't pretty: "Seed of Chucky."

"Seed of Chucky" is so messed up on so many levels that I don't know where to begin. It's not the best of the five "Child's Play" movies, but it doesn't totally stink, either. The problem is that creator/writer/director Don Mancini has tried to make this a horror/comedy in the same vein as "Scream 2." Unfortunately, the result is not enough slashy-slashy/too much limpy-limpy jokes about Hollywood, so you're stuck with a movie that has a few really cool and entertaining scenes, but when you string all the parts together, the whole is a muddled mess.

Jennifer Tilly stars as a campy version of her real-life self. She's starring in a horror movie about Chucky and his doll bride, Tiffany, while also trying to seduce former gangsta rapper Redman into casting her as the Virgin Mary in his upcoming biblical epic.

Meanwhile, a ventriloquist's dummy who is actually alive discovers that his parents are Chucky and Tiffany. He uses a magical amulet to bring them back to life, with Chucky wanting to go on a killing spree, while Tiffany has plans to use the amulet to transfer her and Chucky's souls into the bodies of Jennifer Tilly and Redman. To accommodate the soul of their ventriloquist-dummy child (who isn't sure if he's a boy or a girl),

Chucky and Jennifer Tilly.

Tiffany impregnates Jennifer Tilly with The Seed of Chucky.

Now, you have to trust me on this: My description of the plot is more entertaining than the movie itself, which gets kind of slow and boring in spots. Unless you're a die-hard Chucky fan, see "Seed of Chucky" as a matinee, or better yet, a rental.

GRADE: C+

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE INDEPENDENT FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1916.

SPECIAL CLASSES MAY BE ATTENDED BY CHILDREN

WASHINGTON CHILDREN WILL BE TAUGHT MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

The School Trustees of Washington have received a comunication from the Superintendent of Schools of Sacramento which permits pupils of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades of the local schol to attend the manual training and domestic science classes in Sacramento.

This matter was taken up some time ago and was given favorable consideration by the City Commissioners acting as a Board of Education.

The result is that the following communication was received a few days ago:

Sacramento, Cal., July 14.

Mrs. M. L. Manchester, Broderick, Yolo Co., Cal. My Dear Mrs. Manchester:

In reply to your letter of recent date in which you request a statement as to the cost per pupil from your school who wish to take manual and domestic training in our department, I am pleased to say that I took the matter up with the Board of Education and it was referred to the President and Superintendent. We keep a very careful expense account of these subjects and find that a reasonable rate would be $5.00 a year per pupil—that is to say if you had 40 pupils it would cost you $200.

I am very anxious to have your pupils take this work, and hope this will be satisfactory. If you need any further help in the matter kindly let me know. You know we take many of your boys and girls in our high schools, and for them to have this preparation is an aid to our work there.

With very kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

CHAS. C. HUGHES,

Superintendent.

At last term's examinations eight pupils took the eighth grade examination and several of them will go to the Sacramento High School at the opening of the next term. Naturally these children will be more or less handicapped in these subjects and it was on this account that the local trustees took the above action.

RESPECTFUL ATTENTION GIVEN BUT NO CONTRIBUTION

Last Wednesday J. Stitt Wilson was scheduled to make a talk on prohibition at Third and Ann street. Several people gathered to hear this eloquent orator, but he failed to show.

In his place his son and another gentleman talked for a few minutes and then asked for contributions.

The hat was passed among the auditors but was returned empty.

LAWYERS HAVE CINCH ON LARGE FEES

John S. Partridge, council for the Western Pacific allway since March 15th up to a few days ago charged for his services $170,000.

To this date we have not known of any newspaper man making so much money in so short a time, and the probability is that there will never be a newspaper man who will be able to make money so fast.

brothers, aged 10 and 8 years respectively. He was noticed at Second and I streets in Sacramento enticing the boys across the M-street bridge and was followed by B. C. Reed of Sacramento and E. Esmond of Woodland. They watched him closely and when about to commit a felony placed him in the hands of the Constable. He is now in Woodland waiting preliminary trial which will be held next Tuesday forenoon at 10:30 a. m. The punishment for his crime is specified at 15 years in State prison.

Mrs. Mary Moffett and son with Mrs. Lou Moffett are at home after a few weeks' visit in San Francisco and other bay towns.

A baby girl was born at the home of John Fisher in Riverbank on July 7th. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

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MOVE FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON

Recognizing the normal increase in the population of Washington it is very evident that in the near future a better school building and a larger one will be necessary. Some people even feel that a high school should be located here.

The School Trustees are doing all they can to make conditions favorable but the building now used to house the children during school hours is old and dilapidated and at best is only a patch-work made up of various units constructed at different times, fitting poorly to make the entire unit a presentable structure.

In order to get a start the School Trustees have applied to the District Attorney for advice as to how they must approach this question. They have asked him what preliminary steps are necessary and on receipt of his reply will proceed to accomplish their object—a new school building for Washington.

The tentative plans concocted by the Trustees contemplate the construction of a fireproof building of six rooms with all modern conveniences to cost in the neighborhood of $30,000.

There is great danger from fire in the existing rattletrap which serves as a school building. Pupils may be trapped if a conflagration should break out in the building and parents who know and appreciate the danger to their children would willingly vote bonds for a new school building.

WONDERFUL BEAN CROPS IN WEST SACRAMENTO

SOIL IN SPLENDID CONDITION AND GREAT RETURNS SECURED

Farmers in West Sacramento are reaping great harvests of beans and are receiving splendid returns because of the great demand caused by war conditions.

It is not unusual to reap twenty-five and thirty sacks to the acre, and since the price is very high, land is returning $100 net per acre.

Several farmers planted horse beans and have already harvested them. Turning around they again planted pink beans which are now showing a splendid growth. This is due in great part to the splendid system of sub-irigation prevailing throughout the district. All ditches are being kept full of water keeping the soil in the vicinity very moist and in splendid growing condition.

Harry D. Williams leased 15 acres from Plum & Powell, which he planted to horse beans. From the 15 acres he reaped 392 sacks of 110 pounds each and sold the lot for $3.25 per sack. He has re planted the land to pinks.

A. Fontana took 25 sacks per acre from 20 acres. He has also replanted to pinks.

C. Parella took off 250 sacks from a small patch and has replanted to pinks which are showing a splendid growth.

J. S. King got 30 sacks from each acre of 30 acres and has replanted to pinks.

Beans are prizes this year, and farmers in West Sacramento are getting splendid returns.

The horse bean is not used for food in the United States, but is always in demand in Europe.

TODHUNTER ASKS A LARGE AMOUNT IN SUIT

Woodland, July 17.—The Ajax Dredging Company and F. F. Cooper have been made defendants in a suit instituted by F. H. Todhunter to recover the sum of $1332.42, alleged to be the balance due for labor and materials in moving the company's dredger "Plover" from Lake Washington, in this county, to the Northern Electric bridge. Todhunter contends that the company paid him only $450 of the $1782.42 he claims is due him.

REV. BRISTOL HOLDS AUTO NOT HIS OWN IS CLAIM

Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sacramento, Rev. I. B. Bristol has been made defendant in a suit filed in Sacramento last Wednesday. The suit was filed by the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.

The complaint charges that Rev. Bristol has an auto and is holding it without right, preventing the

CORRESPONDENT COMPLAINS OF LACK OF JOINT ACTION

Washington, July 18, 1916.

To the Editor of The Independent—

Dear Sir: With much hesitation I write to ask how it is that in all the deliberations of a public nature, taking place in the town of Washington there seems to be very little united action.

I notice that The Independent frequently makes a strained effort to boost the town, to boost the locality, to boost the people, to boost property values, to tell its readers what a progressive community we have, and I am sure The Independent is deserving of praise for its effort.

It is unfortunate, however, that there are some, yes, many people in Washington who seem to be living alone in the world, living for themselves without any absolute interest in what is going on around them, in what is being done in their midst and for their benefit. Of this class of people we have too many in Washington and until these people shape their courses a little differently we cannot improve, we cannot go ahead, we cannot get recognition.

The Washington Improvement Club has been doing as much as possible to help things along, yet the people are not supporting it and why they don't I cannot understand. The club is the only civic body (as you call it) in the town, yet there is no united action, there is constant jealousy, there is bickering and an apparent feeling that one neighbor is jealous of the other should he begin to show any signs of prosperity.

Mr. Independent Man, I want to say that in my belief there is but one thing that can cure these miserable conditions.

Let us annex Washington to Sacramento, for in that move I believe there is salvation for the town, at least Washington would be known as Sacramento and in time we might get relief from the miserable conditions which now prevail here.

We have a street lighting system that is a disgrace, we have street conditions that are more disgraceful and we have other conditions that brand this town as a "jay-hawker."

Can we ever pull out of this hole? I claim we can, if we only get rid of that miserable petty jealousy which seems to prevail. I feel that as a taxpayer I can rely on The Independent to boost the cause and I shall be all the time at your side if you will only make the effort. In addition I am going to make an effort to get my neighbors in line to help along the good cause.

I hope you will find space to publish this letter for in so doing you will greatly oblige me and I shall try to disseminate the information to every man I meet who is interested in the upbuilding of this community.

Yours truly,

A. P. THATCHER.

WASHINGTON GIRL IS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

Miss Melda Baglin is getting a splendid start in stenographic work. Miss Baglin took a course of training in Heald's Business

College of Sacramento, and on finishing immediately accepted a position with Kimball-Upson Co., the largest sporting goods firm west of the Rocky Mountains. Miss Baglin is a progressive.

PESTILENCE THREATENS NEIGHBORHOOD OF CAMPS

South of Margaret street and just outside the limits of Washington, on the lands of the Washington Land Co., fifteen camps are located within a radius of a few blocks.

Each camp is occupied by several persons, men, women and children, with a total population of not less than 60 people.

To accommodate all these people not a single toilet is available. Not a hydrant is in use except those in neighboring yards, and a fire hydrant at one corner of the land.

Some of the inhabitants of the land have been there for months. Some are late arrivals. Some are filthy and several make an effort to keep clean. The river is close, but a great mountain of loose sand interferes and few go to the stream for water.

The result is obvious.

Offal and human excrement lay blistering in the summer sun and a noisome odor smells to heaven with vengeance.

At night property owners in the neighborhood fasten their doors and windows to exclude the odors and suffer immeasurably in this hot weather.

Last week The Independent called attention to these conditions, yet the dirty work goes on.

These campers have no right on the premises except through sufferance. Because they are not ordered to move they stay, and if they stay much longer there is danger of typhoid or typhus or some other dread plague.

Who is to blame.

Signs were posted by the Land Co. against trespass last year, but they have been torn down.

So long as these campers don't trespass on the law the Constable claims he can't interfere.

The sanitary inspector says he cannot force these epople out because each individual camp is apparently clean.

A Porto Rica family has a baby at the point of death in one camp and in another camp a Mexican baby was born last week.

The County Health Officer, Dr. Blevins, has been appealed to. His answer to the appeal reads:

Woodland, Cal., July 18th.

Mrs. M. L. Manchester, Broderick, California. My Dear Mrs. Manchester:

Yours of July 16 regarding Campville at hand. Will you please give me a little more information regarding the place? Does Mr. Harbinson and Mr. O'Conner charge these people for camping upon their grounds or is it a free camping ground, and is this the only camping ground these people can get near Sacramento?

If they are charging rent I think it will be very easy to follow your suggestion. I am not just sure how to proceed if it is a free camping ground, as the owners may suggest that we keep these people off their property.

However, I will look into the matter and do the thing that seems best to abate the nuisance.

Very truly yours,

W. J. BLEVINS.

PREACHER WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR U. S. SENATOR

Bakersfield, July 18. — Rev. George Ringo, pastor of the First Christian Church of this city, has announced his candidacy for United States Senator on the Democratic ticket, to succeed John D. Works. Ringo is circulating his nomination petitions. He was the Democratic nominee for Congressman at Los Angeles four years ago.

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exercise. The class meats Mondays 7-8 p.m. and Wednesdays 7-8 a.m. at the civic center. Fee is $50 for five classes (may be taken anytime over a six-month period). Call 617-4620.

Preschool

There are openings for three-year olds at Discovery Preschool, operated by the City of West Sacramento at the Sam Combs Family Center, 205 Stone Blvd. The program acquaints kids with numbers, shapes, colors and the alphabet. Three-month session, fees vary. Students must be potty-trained. Call 617-4620.

Blood drive

The City of West Sacramento will sponsor a blood drive for BloodSource on Wed., Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at a mobile coach parked at the civic center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Each pint can help up to three patients in need. You cannot get AIDS or other diseases through the donation process. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. For information or an appointment, call Kriss Rankin, 617-4528.

Santa visits

Kids: Santa will visit the West Sacramento Elks Lodge on December 11 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and there will be games, stories, refreshments and Christmas stockings. 423 Third Street, West Sacramento.

Myths & Faiths

"Myths and Faiths along the Silk Road" will be the subject of a presentation by Dr. Snjezana Akpinar at the City of the Dharma Rhealm lecture series, this Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. Visit 1029 West Capitol Avenue, near Merkley Avenue.

City service

The city of West Sacramento is seeking applications from those interested in serving on the following boards and commissions: Board of Appeals, Culture & Historic Preservation Commission, Agriculture and Natural Resources Commission, Commission on Aging, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Housing Advisory Commission, Parks & Community Services Commission and Planning Commission. Visit the city website (www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us) or call 617-4500.

World AIDS Day

December 1 is World AIDS day, with this year's theme: "Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS." Locally, observances will include the display of the "names project AIDS quilt" at County Fair Mall in Woodland at 1264 East Gibson Road through December 5. More information on AIDS/HIV, call the county health department at (530) 406-4905. For information on World AIDS Day, visit www.unaids.org.

Cookies!

Kids are invited to the annual cookie decorating program at the Turner Branch Library on Sat., Dec. 4, at 1 p.m., 1212 Merkley Avenue. A "special guest" will visit between 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library. Call 375-3645 for more information.

Holiday tour

"Dickens in the Valley," a holiday home tour in Woodland to support the county-wide program that brings meals to shut-ins, will take place on December 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seven "fabulous" homes are on the tour, and donation is $25. The program benefits the Elderly Nutrition Program. Call Jolaine Beers, 372-0130.

Santa on a fire truck: Saint Nick to make his West Sac tour

The West Sacramento Fire Department and the West Sacramento Firefighter's Association are preparing for the annual Santa Run through West Sacramento. Santa will be riding on a fire truck through local neighborhoods with his helpers handing out candy and collecting food donations for the needy. The fire truck will be decorated in lights with Santa riding on top and Christmas music playing. A pickup truck will follow behind to collect non-perishable food donations.

This year the Santa Run is scheduled for six nights beginning at 6 p.m. each night and Santa will be in the following areas on these dates:

Monday, December 6th, in the Broderick and Bryte area on some of the following streets: Fremont, Douglas, Andrew, Sixth, Cummins, Anna, Kegle, Carrie, Lisbon, North Hobson and Fourness.

Tuesday, December 7th, near North Business 80 on some of the following streets: Pine, Palomar, Marigold, Doran, Garnet, Greenmeadow, Evergreen, Sycomore, Buckeye, Hemlock, Balsom, Willow, Merkley, Rockrose, Chaparrel, Lilac, Manzanita, Washington, Oxford, Maple, Walnut, Holly and Pecan.

Wednesday, December 8th, in Old West Sacramento on the following streets: Deerwood, Lakewood, Fernwood, Sonora, Haverhill, Meadow, Webster, Virginia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

Thursday, December 9th in Southport North East on the following streets: Aster, Kinsington, Manchester, Gateway, Sausalito, Sansome, Hearst, Randolf, Mojave, Merced, Rubacon, Ironwood, Spruce, Redwood, Alder, Limewood, Almond, Peppertree and Peachtree.

Friday, December 10th in Southport South West on the following streets: Independence, Lagoon, Duet, Constitution, Summerfield, Jacquelyn, Janet, Betty, Shirley, Leslie, Diane, Brenda, Kathy, Nancy, Violet, Mareca, Teal, Canvasback, Pitzer and Allen.

Monday, December 13in Southport West (Bridgeway Island, including Cayman, St. John, Martinique, St. Croix, Haiti, Swan, Suisun, Ryer, Catalina, Santa Cruz, Half Moon Bay, Cooper, Fiji, Bowen, Stuart, Graham, San Salvador and Abaco.

Santa cannot get to every street. Santa's route will not include trailer parks, courts, or dead-end-streets. For further information, please call 373-5814. Please do not call 9-1-1.

New books to check out

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
West Sacramento

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Prying Eyes: Protect Your Privacy From People Who Sell to You, Snoop on You, and Steal From You" by Ric J. Gertler.

"Isis: A Bob Dylan Anthology" edited by Derek Barker.

"The O'Reilly Factor for Kids: A Survival Guide for America's Families" by Bill O'Reilly and Charles Flowers.

"Greenpeace: How a Group of Ecologists, Journalists, and Visionaries Changed the World" by Rex Weyler.

"Fitzroy: The Remarkable Story of Darwin's Captain and the Invention of the Weather Forecast" by John and Mary Gribbin.

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too. The point being, the mayor elect and Oscar both promoted Measure "R" using the slogan "It's Simple...Measure "R" lets the people decide." That's not what I was hearing out of the last council meeting from the three, now it appears they want to appoint someone, someone hand selected to continue their stronghold on our city government.

Per California Government Code section 40605: "In general law cities where the office of mayor is an elective office pursuant to Article 5 of chapter 7 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 4, the mayor, with approval of the city council, shall make all appointments to boards, commissions, and committees unless otherwise specifically provided by statue." Oscar stated and it was documented by the ad they ran in the Ledger and the Sacramento Bee, "Under Measure "R" the duties and powers of the mayor would stay the same. It's simple...Measure "R" lets the people decide." This process needs to be defined to allow all interested people to compete on an even playing field, not to the highest bidder, the biggest campaign war chest, or some committee that doesn't reflect the true will of the people. It should be subject to public scrutiny, not rushed through like Measure "R", in less than two weeks and without adequate notice and full explanation.

The same people who were so well organized behind this measure will have a very difficult time convincing anyone that they didn't know about the state statute outlining the change in the authority of the mayor when elected. Don't let them appoint another pawn. Elect someone who represents the people and is elected by the people. As far as the developers who supported that questionable legal measure go, Bridgeway Lakes (David Stroud), Turner Land Company, Sycamore Southport (Bryan Turner), Grupe, Shea Homes, Heritage Homes and the BIA (Building Industry Association), one might wonder why do they care, what do they have to gain from an elected mayor having that kind of influence and the council members who could guarantee the required votes to make things happen.

It's simple. A special election lets the people decide.

JIMMIE L. MANERCHIA
West Sacramento

The state should fund libraries

In an article in the 11/27 issue of the Sacramento Bee it was stated that "Salinas may close book on libraries". It is both sad and shocking to read that this may happen to my home town. Maybe California legislators should change the law that now mainly funds local libraries from local general funds to funding from the state education fund, thus officially designating local libraries as part of the state education system? After all, libraries have for ages been a symbol of lifelong learning, an extension of schools. Libraries fill voids for those of all ages and are valuable educational and social meeting places. Officially designating public libraries as part of the state educational system would be good for everyone.

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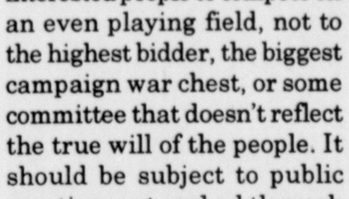

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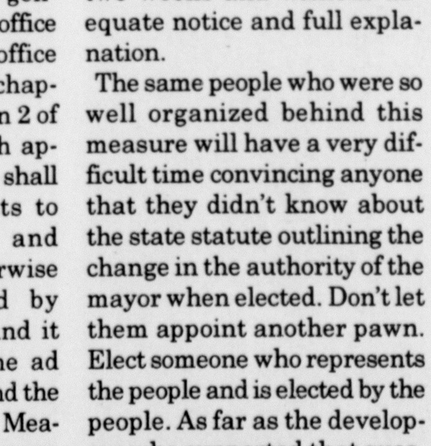

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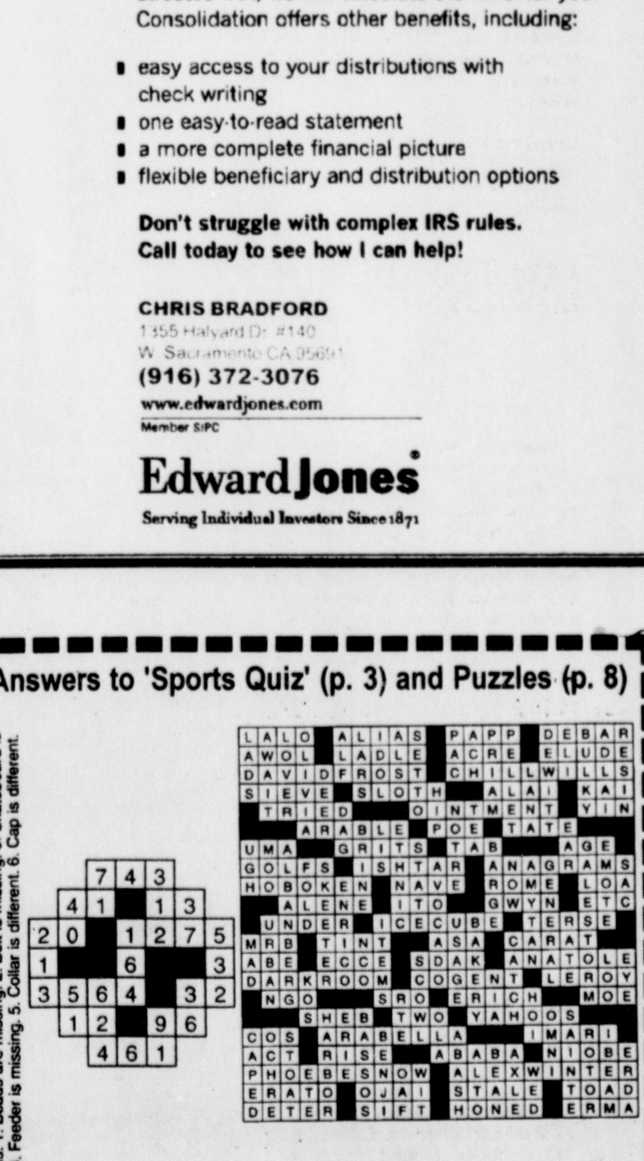
Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)

Differences: 1. Beads are missing. 2. Belt is missing. 3. Skateboard is missing. 4. Feeder is missing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Cap is different.



Answers

1. Jim Thome has hit 45.
2. Doug Drabek in 1990.
3. Buffalo's Jim Kelly to Andre Reed.
4. North Carolina's Dean Smith in 1991.
5. Nine seconds — the time Montreal's Brian Skrudland needed to score against Calgary in Game Two of the 1986 Stanley Cup Finals.
6. Turkey and South Korea. Turkey won, 3-2.
7. Luis Firpo in 1923.

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Cable TV

NASCAR racing and football star Terry Bradshaw are featured on the current Navy-Marine Corps News TV program airing daily at 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Charter Cable TV Channel 21. Other segments honor a heroic Navy Petty Officer who saved a neighbor from a burning house, and profiling an African-American Civil War hero.

Art for gifts

Buy a unique gift at a reasonable price. The West Sacramento Art Guild will sponsor an art fair with arts and crafts for sale from 6-8 p.m. on December 11 at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way. There will be oil paintings, watercolors, prints, stitchery and other works, for both sale and display. Fine arts printer John Ohlson will show how to cut a design into a block for inking and printing. A second fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 15 at the city hall galleria. The guild meets the last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the senior center.

Senior Center events

On the calendar for the West Sacramento Senior Center are a Colusa Casino trip on December 3; a volunteer appreciation day on Dec. 8 at 1:30, a holiday craft fair from 10-1 on Dec. 15 at the city hall galleria (proceeds benefit the seniors' programs), a holiday lunch December 16 at 11:30 a.m., and another holiday lunch at noon on December 23. For more information on any of these events, call 373-5819.

Pets of the homeless

Volunteers from the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine are collecting cash and donated pet supplies to benefit clients of the Mercer Veterinary Clinic for the Homeless. Pe-related toys, treats, leashes and other items are collected for distribution December 11 at the monthly clinic providing veterinary care for animal companions of the homeless, held the second Saturday of each month in Sacramento. To contribute, call Eileen Samitz, (530) 756-5165 or mail a check to "VMTH—Mercer Clinic" at UC Davis VMTH Business Annex, Financial Services – Room 110, Davis CA 95616, Attn: Debra Nelson.

Santa's visit

The West Sacramento Fire Department and its firefighters will bring Santa on his annual tour through West Sacramento aboard a fire truck, handing out candy canes. A pickup truck with Santa will collect food donations for the needy. Visits begin at 6 p.m. Santa will visit Broderick and Bryte on Monday, Dec. 6; North Business 80 (Pine, Palomar, etc.) on Dec. 7; Old West Sacramento (Deerwood, "state streets") on Wed., Dec. 8; northeastern Southport (Kinsington, Spruce, Gateway, etc.) on Thurs., Dec. 9; southwestern Southport (Independence, Janet, Allan, etc.) on Friday, Dec. 10; and Bridgeway Island area on Monday, Dec. 13). For more information, call 373-5814 (do not call 911).

Craft fair

Our Lady of Grace School will hold its annual Christmas craft fair on Sat., Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A hot dog lunch will be available for $2 between 11 and 1. To rent a table, call 371-9416.

Christmas party

A children's Christmas Party is presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars #9498 in Bryte at 1208 Lisbon Ave. Ages 10 and under, accompanied by an adult, are welcome beginning 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 12. Santa will visit, and there will be clowns, refreshments and fun.

Adult basketball

The city's "5 on 5" adult basketball Sunday night league is accepting team applications. Registration is $340 per team (minimum of eight games, plus two rounds of playoffs). Games are played at River City High School. Call 617-4620 or sign up at the website, http://www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. Deadline is Jan. 7.

Holy Cross

Holy Cross School is looking for alumni to add to its newsletter mailing. Call Gaylene Rains-Jones at 372-7734.

Youth basketball

The city's "Jr. NBA/Jr. NBA" youth basketball league is accepting registration for kids age 5-14. Before Dec. 3, registration is $45 ($50 for non-residents of West Sacramento). Participation includes a team T-shirt and award. Opening Day is January 8, with games on Saturdays. Kids age 5-8 will practice prior to their games. Kids age 9-14 will practice during the week. A mandatory player evaluation day for kids 8-14 is scheduled for December 4. Call 617-4620 or register online at www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us.

School concert

The student musicians of Golden State Middle School invite you to a band and choir concert on Wed., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the school gym.

Coats for kids

The Women of the Moose Lodge are collecting coats for the News 10 "Coats for Kids" program. Gently-used coats may be dropped off at the Moose Family Center, 3240 Jefferson Blvd., after 4 p.m. daily.

Holiday bazaar

A holiday bazaar to benefit Yolo Hospice will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 4 at the Clarksburg Library Activity Room. For sale will be baked goods, baskets, cosmetics, woodcarvings, jewelry, crafts and other unique items. For more information, call 775-1553.

Labels & boxtops

The Women of the Moose Lodge are collecting Campbell Soup Labels for Education and General Mills box tops to try to raise $40,000 for "Mooseheart" schools. Please send labels and boxtops to Bette Lake, PO Box 874, West Sacramento CA 95691.

Babysitter class

The City of West Sacramento's parks department is offering the American Red Cross babysitter training course, including information on safety, first aid, feeding, diapering and interviewing for a job. Pre-registration is necessary. Open to students 11 and up. Call 617-4620.

Holiday bazaar

A holiday bazaar at the Moose Lodge Family Center is planned for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5 at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. Homemade baked goods, Christmas items, arts and crafts and other items will be on sale.

Hunter safety

The city parks department will offer a hunter's safety course on January 11-12. This is a state-mandated class for anyone receiving a hunting license in California, and will last 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. $10 for city residents; $15 for others. Open to those age eight and up. Call 617-4620 for more information.

Martial art

The city parks department offers an ongoing class in Tai-Chi-Chung, a self-defense strategy used primarily for gentle

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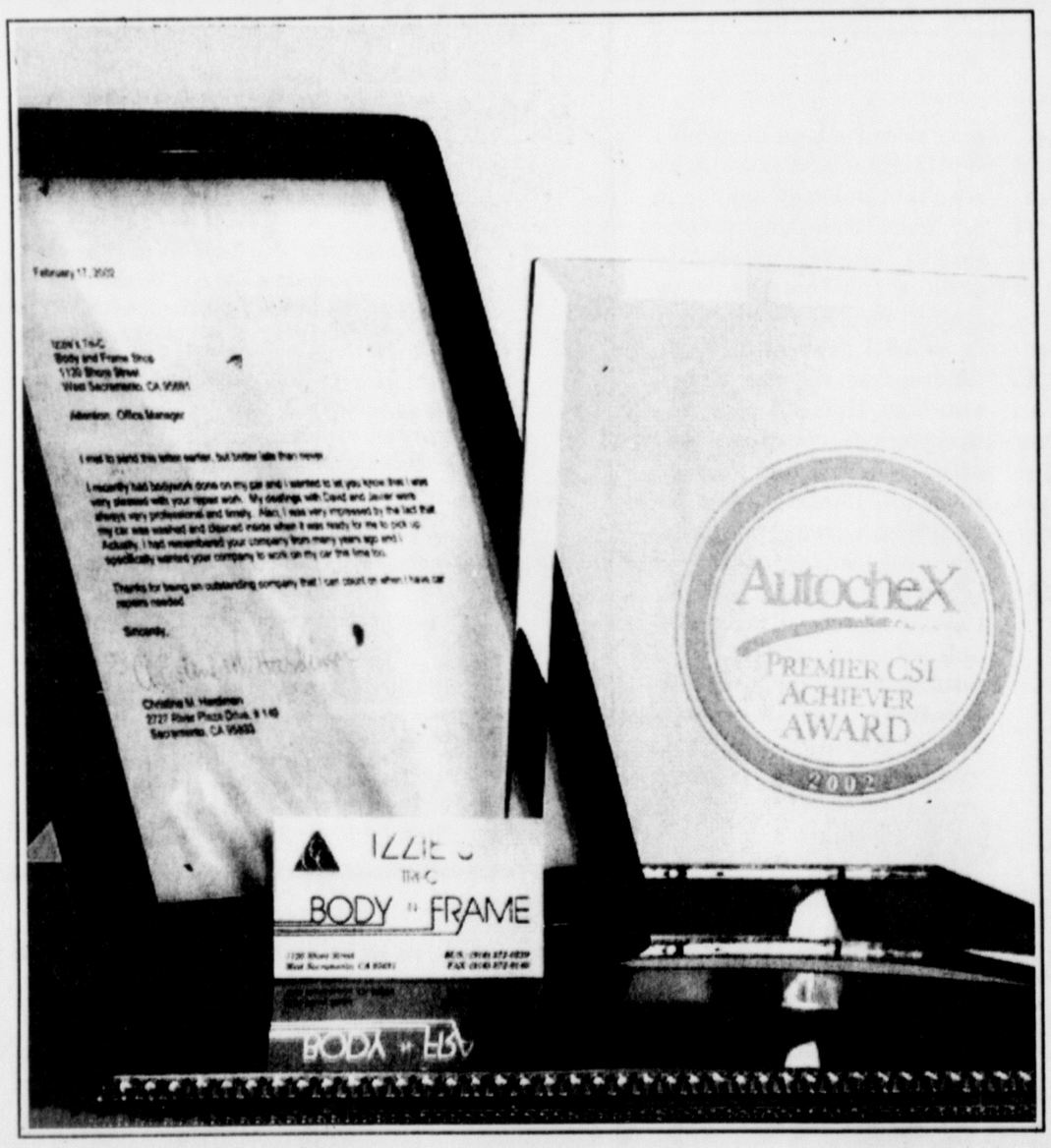

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